

REPORT OF EXPERTS PROVES LOUISE VERMILYA DID NOT TELL TRUTH ABOUT THE "PEPPER BOX"

Coroner Hoffman today made an announcement that forms the strongest evidence yet unearthed against Louise Vermilya, accused poisoner of nine persons.

He said that the experts who analyzed the contents of the arsenic pepper box had found it to contain a certain amount of pepper mixed up with the arsenic.

This is in direct confutation of Mrs. Vermilya's statement in regard to the box.

One week ago last Saturday, ill and under police guard in her home at 415 East 29th street, asked one of her nurses to hand her a certain pepper box.

The nurse did so. Mrs. Vermilya liberally sprinkled the meal she was about to eat with the contents of the box. Immediately after eating, she became deathly sick.

The doctor who examined her, said she was suffering from arsenic poisoning. By heroic efforts the woman was dragged back from death's door, and the police then charged her with attempting suicide.

Mrs. Vermilya then said:

"I did not try to commit suicide. It was all a mistake.

"The nurse did not give me the pepper box I asked for. There is another one just like that she handed me in the house.

"The pepper box handed me by the nurse contains only poison I bought one year ago to kill roaches with."

Now the experts who have an-

alyzed the contents of the box, say that these contents consist not only of arsenic, but also of pepper.

Therefore, Mrs. Vermilya lied when she told the police that the box was one which had contained nothing but poison for a year.

More women are entering the case every day.

Mrs. Alice Anderson, Plymouth, Ind., arrived in Chicago today to make a statement to the police in connection with the death of Richard T. Smith, the railroad conductor who once was engaged to Mrs. Vermilya.

At the time Smith first came to know Mrs. Vermilya, he roomed with Mrs. Anderson, who then lived at 6536 Madison avenue.

The police today will question the two nurses who attended Frank Brinkamp, Mrs. Vermilya's son, throughout the sickness that ended in his death. They are:

Elizabeth Cameron, 1129 Seminary avenue.

Louise M. Holland, 4912 South Winchester avenue.

Both the police and the coroner are anxious to hear the detailed story of the last days of Frank Brinkamp from these two nurses. Miss Cameron already has volunteered to make a statement to Captain Harding.

Undertaker Charles C. Boysen, once the close friend of Mrs. Vermilya, may become the star witness of the state against her.